

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached "Replacement Sheets" of drawings include changes to Figures 1 and 6. The attached "Replacement Sheets," which include Figures 1 and 6, replace the original sheets including Figures 1 and 6.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are now pending in the application. No claim amendments have been made. Minor amendments have been made to the specification; no new matter has been added. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

DRAWINGS

The Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's objection. The Applicants originally submitted drawing Figures 1-6 on December 30, 2003, which is the application's filing date. Subsequent to that, on August 17, 2004, the Applicants submitted a Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(f) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.153(e) for a filing date of 12/30/2003 for the subject application. The petition was granted and the Office of Petitions acknowledged that "Since the 6 sheets of formal drawings cannot be located in the Office, the copy supplied with the instant petition will be used for examination purposes."

A copy of the petition decision accompanies this response for your convenience. Additionally, the Applicants are enclosing replacement sheets of drawing Figures 1-6 to be used for examination purposes. In Figure 1, duplicated reference numeral 60 has become reference numeral 70, while in Figure 6, duplicated reference numeral 160 has become 162. No new matter has been added.

SPECIFICATION

Paragraphs [0024], [0028] and [0030] have been amended to reflect changes in reference numerals. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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